## Household Hazardous Products Collection 2015 INFORMATION and SCHEDULE

## Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Collection Facility Lexington Landfill Site 60 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

#### 1. Registration

Advanced registration is required. Call or visit the Board of Health between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm to obtain a <u>color coded</u> Registration Form. You will need this form to attend the event. The Board of Health is located in Town Center, 12 Mudge Way or call us at 781-275-6507 to register and we can send you a form. Once you have the form, you can attend any one of the collection events listed below in #3. Please do not go to the event without a color coded 2014 Registration Form as your materials will not be accepted for disposal.

### 2. Collect Household Hazardous Products

- Be efficient. Consolidate and combine with your neighbors to keep costs down and this program in place for future years.
- Please bring at least 10 gallons or 10 pounds of household hazardous waste.
- The cost to the Town is over \$50 per participant whether you have 1 gallon or 10 gallons.
- Only household quantities will be accepted under the household collection program.
- Other options are available for businesses. Contact the Board of Health at 781-275-6507.
- Latex paint is not accepted. See next page for latex paint disposal options.

#### 3. Choose a Collection Date

- Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>
- SUNDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

#### 4. Transportation Tips

- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS, store different items in different boxes.
- Tighten caps and lids.
- Leave materials in original containers.
- Pad boxes with newspaper to minimize spills.
- Drive directly to center.
- NEVER SMOKE STAY AWAY FROM FLAMES.

#### 5. Important Information

- Remember: You must pre-register with the Board of Health and bring the color coded registration form with you to the event you chose to attend.
- If you need further information about the Household Hazardous Products Collection Event, please contact the Board of Health at 781-275-6507.

## **Acceptable Materials**

#### **General Household**

Acids (corrosives)

Art supplies Batteries – pre-1994 alkaline batteries, NiCad, button batteries, zinc and lithium batteries of all sizes

Chemistry set chemicals

Fiberglass resins

Flammable liquids

Fluorescent bulbs – standard and new "compact" if unbroken

Hobby supplies (rubber cement, airplane glue, etc.)

Mercury

Mercury containing devices

Paint - oil and lead-based. Not Latex.

Paint strippers, turpentine, thinners

Photography chemicals

Solvents and adhesives

Unlabeled and unknown chemicals

#### Kitchen

Ammonia – in large quantities Drain cleaner Lighter fluids Oven cleaners

#### Laundry

Bleach – in large quantities Spot removers

#### Lawn and Garden

Anything labeled "Combustible" Cesspool cleaners (corrosives)

Fire starters

Fungicides

Herbicides

Insecticides

Pesticides

Poisons

Pool chemicals

#### Automotive

Antifreeze

Batteries, auto & motorcycle size

Brake fluid

Carburetor cleaners

Contaminated motor oil

Radiator flush

Solvents and degreasers

Tire cleaners

Transmission fluid

Waste fuels (gasoline, kerosene, etc.)

#### **Propane Tank(s)**

Propane Tanks up to 20 pound size (the standard barbeque grill size)

Additional materials not included in this list <u>may be</u> accepted at the vendor's discretion.

# Unacceptable Materials

Air Conditioners and Kitchen Appliances – call Allied Waste Systems at 800-442-9006

Alkaline batteries manufactured after 1994 (with low or no mercury content) - dispose of with regular trash.

Asbestos - look in yellow pages for a licensed disposal contractor.

Construction waste (asbestos shingles, railroad ties, asphalt, etc.)

CRTs (TVs, computer monitors, etc.) – call Allied Waste Systems at 800-442-9006

Explosives or any ordnance (gunpowder, ammunition, unknown cylinders, flares, etc.) - call Fire Dept. at 781-275-7262.

Fire extinguishers - call Fire Dept. Hypodermic needles, sharps and prescription medications – Attend one of the twice annual collection events. Call the Board of Health at 781-275-6507 for information.

Latex Paint (see below).

Metal Tanks, other than propane (e.g. Freon, Helium, Acetylene) – Contact DPW at 781-275-7605 for disposal options.

Prescription Drugs – Attend one of the twice annual collection events. Call the Board of Health at 781-275-6507 for information. Smoke detectors - may be disposed of with your regular trash or mailed to manufacturer.

#### **Latex Paint Disposal Options**

Latex paint is not a hazardous product so it is not accepted at the hazardous product facility. If you bring it to the collection facility it will not be accepted and you will go home with it. In Bedford, fully solidified latex paint may be put in the regular curbside trash but liquid or semiliquid paint is **NOT** accepted. Under no circumstances should paint in a liquid form be put into your regular trash because this material is compacted and will leak when being transported. To solidify latex paint for disposal in household trash, any of the following disposal options can be used:

- 1) Open the can and let it dry out, if there is just a small amount, and it can be done safely. Once paint is solidified, the cans can then be put in the regular trash with the lids off, or in a plastic trash bag, so that the collectors do not think it is hazardous.
- 2) Put kitty litter or purchased "waste latex paint hardener" product (available at many paint and hardware stores) into the can and then let the paint dry out to a solid form. The can of solidified paint may be put in a plastic bag and put in your curbside trash.
- 3) Line a box with newspaper and pour small amounts of paint into the box, letting each layer dry and solidify before adding another. The "painted" box can be put in your regular trash.